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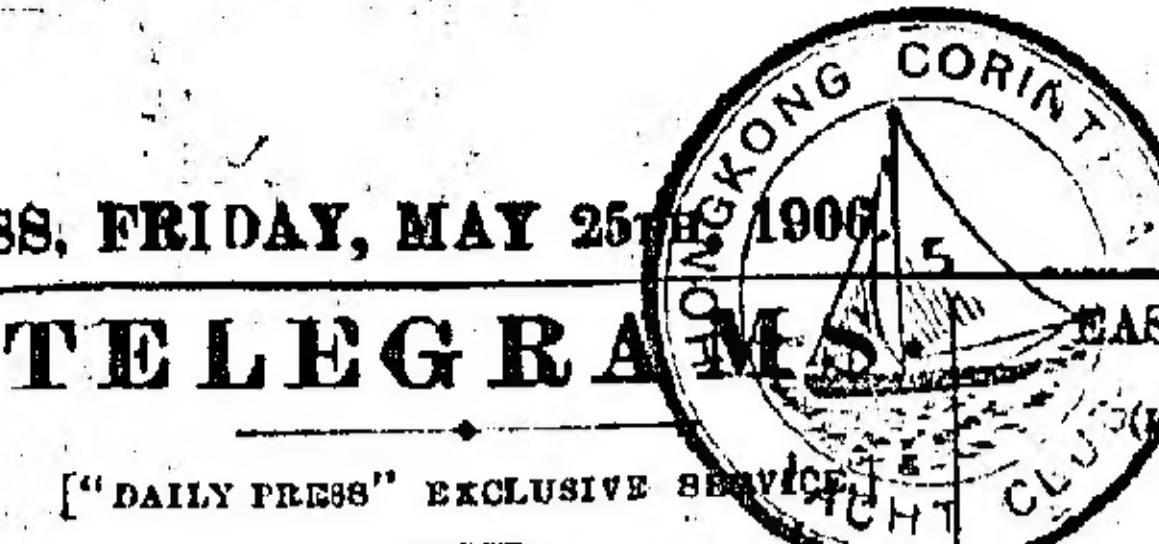
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 25th, 1906.

It is an interesting speculation what effect the extraordinary debate which took place in the House of Commons with reference to Chinese labour and Lord MILNER must have had upon the Chinese officials in London and such other educated Chinese as may have had cognisance of the proceedings. The Chinese AMBASSADOR in London, it may be recollect, was some time before approached by some of the Liberal party and was pressed to give his views on the subject. Doubtless the idea was that he would be glad to have ground of complaint and would seize upon the opportunity of showing how hardly the Chinese Government was always dealt with by the outer barbarian. His EXCELLENCE, however, was not to be caught with such small chaff, and showed himself quite equal to the occasion, his answer being that as the subject appeared to be a party question, he could not express any opinion with regard to it, but it struck him as strange that though the Chinese in the Transvaal had their own representative in the Consul General for China there, no complaints of ill-treatment had been made. He may have seen occasion to congratulate himself upon giving so guarded a reply, when the debate took place and Mr. BYLES declared that Lord MILNER had deliberately broken our engagements with China in acquiescing in some Chinese being flogged for some offence which was not dealt with by the ordinary tribunals. No objection whatever had been made to this course by the Chinese Consul General in the Transvaal, who

would look upon it as the simplest way of maintaining order and quite in accordance with the usual mode of dealing with offences by Chinese. If the AMBASSADOR had given utterance to the slightest protest, it is easy to see of what use would have been made of the fact, but in the absence of any thing of the kind we had the extraordinary spectacle of a British member of Parliament making a point of international protest on the part of China, which the Chinese never for a moment thought of making themselves. A more ridiculous exhibition from a Chinese point of view could scarcely be conceived. If the Chinese are at times inexplicable to us, we must surely appear equally inexplicable to them, when party spirit is carried to lengths such as these. Unfortunately, however, the matter has a more serious aspect. In an ordinary way the Chinese are quite ready enough to seize upon matters of grievance, and now a distinct line of complaint, which they would never have thought of themselves, has been suggested to them in high quarters at home—on this part of Mr. BYLES' motion the Government was with him, as they indicated in the amendment they proposed. The Chinese are by no means unlikely to learn the lesson which has been thus gratuitously taught them and probably they will better the instruction. If they find that a change in the Government may get their particular views sustained, they will certainly, should occasion serve, make use of the information, and we shall find that they will be able to turn party politics to as good account as the Dutch party in South Africa have done in the present instance, by discrediting Lord MILNER and forcing in responsible Government at a much earlier period than that at which it would otherwise have been granted. The Chinese will not be slow to learn a lesson of this character, especially when they are deliberately invited to do so. The notion of its being an international question between Great Britain and China that some coolies had had a small punishment in the form of corporal punishment inflicted upon them in a way which happened to be technically illegal, but which, after all, was not any real disregard either of justice or of the coolies' reasonable freedom, must make it clear to people less astute than Chinese officials usually are that there is always a chance of making a "top" question of anything that can be forced into catch words such as will take with the masses at an election or will in any other way strengthen the governing party. How serious detraction this must be from the influence (little enough as it is, some will say) of the BRITISH MINISTER at Peking must be evident to all who know anything of Chinese official ways. Let it once be known that it is possible to go behind the back of the Minister at the Capital, and to obtain support from home, the influence of our Representative will be seriously impaired in any matter in which the Chinese are disposed to be obstinate; and questions which might be settled at Peking by a little firmness will be referred home, and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs will be pressed to decide them not upon their merits but according as they may be of advantage for party purposes. This may be a matter of serious import in this country; but the same thing applies in other directions, so that it is not too much to say, as has been freely asserted in some of the home papers, that the effective result of the debates on the Chinese labour question will be to lower British influence in all directions. The position of any British Representative must become one hardly worth holding if he is liable at any moment to be the shuttlecock of party politics, and to have his actions made the subject not of judicial and well-considered official notice, either favourable or otherwise, but of heated party controversy in Parliament.

The Chinese are well able to grasp this bearing of the matter is evidenced by the diplomatic answer which their AMBASSADOR, in London gave when an attempt was made to drag him into the controversy. It is clear that he perfectly understood the object with which he was approached and with a very quiet touch of satire let his questioners know this. In this particular matter there was no object to be gained by taking any other position, but the action of Chinese officials is likely to be very different if an occasion arise when it is to their advantage to work in the opposite direction. We may be quite sure if such circumstances occur, as is more than probable they will, the Chinese will not forget the lesson which has been taught them by Mr. BYLES and the UNDER-COLONIAL SECRETARY in substantially supporting him.

The accouchement of Queen Wilhelmina of Holland is expected shortly.

The Chinese Commissioners arrived at Stockholm on April 22nd.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Austen Chamberlain to Miss Ivy Dundas, the daughter of Colonel H. L. Dundas.

Chang Chih-tung has opposed the engagement of Prof. Janks as financial adviser, as he is not satisfied as to his qualifications.

On page 5 we print a translation of an article from the *Chung Ngui San Po*, expressing the Chinese point of view of local anti-plague legislation.

A telegram to *L'Aspirer du Tonkin* states that the question of the voyage of certain members of the Reichstag to the Far East is under consideration.

Yesterday was Empire Day, but the holiday was marred by the appropriateness of the weather, which was responsible for many projected excursions being abandoned.

Wednesday night a collision occurred between the Dock Company's launch No. 7 and a sampan, off the Kowloon Docks, as the result of which a sampan woman was drowned.

Mr. Robert Brough, the well-known actor, died in a private hospital in Sydney on the 20th April. The immediate cause of death was heart failure, although Mr. Brough had been ailing for a considerable time.

As a native seaman was ascending stairs leading to the third floor of 240, Queen's Road West, he suddenly fell backwards and tumbled to the bottom. The police were called, and discovered that the man was dead. Heart failure is believed to have been the cause of death.

In reply to several enquirers, we announce here that the new theory of the universe, by Joseph Conrad, M.A., the subject of yesterday's leading article, is unfolded in a book published by the Methodist Publishing House, Gimpo, Tokyo, at fifty sen, or one shilling.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. Price, D.S.O. and Officers 129th Baluchis, the Band of the Regiment will play the following programme at the U.S.R. Club, Kowloon, to-day, commencing at 5 p.m.—

Patriot ... "U.S.A." ... Coxmōre
Opertures ... "Lodzka" ... Chorubini
3 marches from "Neil Gwyn" ... German
Selection ... "A Country Girl" ... Monckton
Cavatina ... "The Hunking Bee" ... Raff
Sketch ... "The Hunking Bee" ... Thurborn

A Chinese passenger travelling steerage by the s.s. *Empress of India* from Vancouver, attempted to cut his throat with a razor on board that vessel on Wednesday. It appears the peculiar actions of the man warranted a medical examination, after which the ship's doctor pronounced him to be of unsound mind. He was kept under observation until arrival in Hongkong, when he went to his berth apparently with the intention of getting his luggage. While there he attempted to kill himself, but was prevented by some of the crew and handed over to the water police.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

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The above Half Company have just completed the series of monthly shooting competitions which they have been carrying out during the past six months, the final having taken place at Tai Hang Range on Sunday last. Throughout the series the competition was close and the issue hung in the balance until the last shot was fired. Five prizes were awarded, the conditions governing the two most important being that the best aggregate for four out of the six shots should win. The results were as follows:

"A" CLASS.

First Prize presented by Capt. Skinner. Second Prize presented by A. Rodger, Esq.

| Sgt. Andrew | 338 |
|------------------|-------|
| Bon. A. Watson | 337 2 |
| Gun. Scott | 337 3 |
| Gun. Sorby | 333 4 |
| Gun. Crosbie | 326 |
| Sgt. Terrill | 325 |
| Captain Skinner | 318 |
| Sgt.-Maj. Rodger | 317 |
| Gun. Anderson | 317 |

"B" CLASS.

First Prize presented by Lieut. Scott.

| Gun. Saunders | 309 1 |
|---------------|-------|
| Gun. Scriven | 256 2 |

A prize was also presented in each class for the best individual scores over the Range (points included). The "A" Class prize was presented by the Non-Commissioned Officers and the "B" Class prize by Captain Skinner. The winners were:

A. Class. Gun. Anderson; total score 105, handicap 18.

B. Class. Gun. Scriven; total score 96, handicap 14.

At the conclusion of the shooting on Sunday the prizes were presented to the successful competitors by Capt. Skinner.

The best individual scores at Sunday's shoot were:

| 290 | 500 | 600 | Net Total | H'Cap | Gross Total |
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| Capt. Skinner | 20 | 26 | 26 | 74 | 12 | 86 |
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| Gun. Scott | 23 | 22 | 24 | 69 | 10 | 79 |
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| Sgt. Andrew | 30 | 39 | 16 | 76 | — | 76 |
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| Sgt. Maj. Rodger | 24 | 23 | 20 | 67 | 8 | 75 |
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| Bon. A. Watson | 30 | 26 | 17 | 73 | — | 73 |
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| Sgt. Terrill | 24 | 25 | 22 | 71 | — | 71 |
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| Gun. Anderson | 22 | 19 | 24 | 65 | 6 | 71 |
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| Spoons | were won by Capt. Skinner, Gun. | Scott and Sgt. Andrew. | | | | |
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TELEGRAFS.

DAILY PRESS EXCLUSIVE SERVICE

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.

IBSEN DEAD.

LONDON, May 24th.

The Norwegian dramatist, Henrik

Ibsen, is dead, aged 78 years.

NATAL.

LONDON, May 24th.

The Zulu rebels are concentrating

for a determined fight.

PRINCESS ENA.

LONDON, May 24th.

Princess Ena has left; she meets King Alfonso at Vrin [Vigne-aux-Bois?].

LETTER'S SERVICE.

THE NATIVE TROUBLE IN NATAL.

LONDON, May 22nd.

General Stevenson has arrived at Petermaritzburg, en route to Zululand to study the operations. This is considered significant in view of the probability of the use of Imperial troops.

The Nasal columns are making huge hauls of cattle, but the rebels are successfully avoiding encounters.

THE KAISER AND PRINCE BULOW.

LONDON, May 22nd.

The Kaiser has written to Prince Bulow, expressing his gratitude for his services, and hoping that they may be long retained for the benefit of the German nation.

THE ILLNESS OF THE POPE.

LONDON, May 22nd.

His Holiness the Pope is improving, and he has received several of the Cardinals.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 22nd.

The Duma has received the President's notification of the Tsar's decision calmly and are agreed that the substance of the address, and not the manner of the delivery of it, was the important point.

A SENSATIONAL REPORT.

LONDON, May 22nd.

No sooner did the Admiralty produce their *Readymade*, with the intimation to the public that the plans of the Tsarist levellers were absolutely secret, than nasty rumours of a leakage got about, but nothing positively authentic was notified, says the *Strait Times*. A telegram from Oakbank and another from San Francisco, however, now to hand, are slightly more specific, and we offer both wires for perusal, without supporting either but rather rejecting both.

Oakland, May 3.—Coasternation has been caused in England by the announcement of the loss of the Admiralty's plans of the new battleship *Broadway*, which have been guarded with such severity. It is declared that they have been stolen.

A number of circumstances tend to fasten the guilt upon an American who was under surveillance by the authorities. Intense indignation is expressed in England.

San Francisco, May 3.—The plans of the British battleship *Broadway* have been stolen.

According to one report, a British Naval official was bribed by an American—who offered a fabulous sum to secure a copy of the designs with the intention of reselling them to one of the other Powers.

We cannot say the above information is at all convincing, adds the same journal. That plans have been stolen we cannot and shall not believe till a statement to that effect has been made in the House of Lords or Commons.

FAMOUS ISLAND FOR SALE.

If any person of romantic disposition wants to buy an island where French pirates, Turkish privateers, and English smugglers have held sway at various times, an excellent opportunity is now given to him, says a London paper.

The picturesque island of Lundy, in the Bristol Channel with its romantic history and its lawless associations, is for sale by public auction.

The island has been in possession of the family of the Rev. G. Hudson G. Heaven for seventy years, and is now leased to Mr. Taylor. It is upwards of three miles long by half a mile broad, and contains 1,200 acres.

It used to be considered an excellent refuge for murderers, and a gentleman who tried to send King Henry II. to a premature grave died there. Edward II. also tried to land there when he wanted to avoid owing to his rebellious Barons.

STORIES FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

Naturally, in such a big catastrophe, there are symptoms of hysteria and exaggeration in personal reports from San Francisco. It seems certain now that the fatalities were comparatively few. Some parts of the city are not destroyed.

We give below a miscellaneous collection of extracts which give some idea of the panic prevailing.

When food was getting scarce, a famished man was seen by the crowds to chase and capture one of the tame ducks which inhabit the park. Immediately a general hunt was in progress. Many birds were captured, fires were lit, and the hunters cooked their quarry and devoured it at once. Many hundreds crowded the great bandstand, the gift of Mr. Spreckels, in the park, pining their belongings outside.

It was curious to see the things which some had selected from among all their varied belongings as their choicest treasures. One woman, although the day was almost oppressively hot, wore a rich sealskin coat, and carried a red silk parasol, grasping with the other hand a leather-covered gilt-edged Bible.

An unconscionable baker appeared at noon with a load of bread, demanding two dollars a loaf. He was accompanied by rough-looking assistants, but, nevertheless, kindly, man, after vainly offering a dollar for the sale of their ravenous children, seized the whole stock. Oakland felt the effects of the great influx of refugees. Every restaurant was eaten out. All the shops closed became no further supplies were obtainable. Thousands walked the streets seeking in vain a place in which to sleep. Every private house contained refugees.

The scenes were often pitiful. A man dressed like a tramp, who was seen dragging an unkempt, miserable woman, was recognised as a prosperous San Francisco business man. People who in comfortable circumstances came hungry and penniless, imploring something to eat from the public kitchens which the soldiers organised in the streets, public halls, and basements of churches.

The public squares were opened for the use of the refugees. Hundreds of families passed the night on hard mattresses spread on the ground.

In addition to those who were injured by the falling walls and the fire, many frail women and children are broken down by exhaustion. Actual disease has been caused by exposure and hardship. One woman was dragged from park to park after the first earthquake shock, and finally reached a ferryboat and died on board it with her new born child.

A remarkable scene was witnessed at the Presidio Barracks, where the corps had been taken and were piled so thickly that they became a positive menace. The soldiers were needed for other work, so every available citizen in the vicinity was compelled at the point of the gun to assist in burying the dead. Some objected, but the soldiers stood no trifling idle; men, unused to physical labour, toiled beside working men, digging trenches. A number of other citizens were forcibly compelled to perform similar duty in other parts of the city.

One eye-witness says:—On the ferryboat all was chaos, and at the Mole the people seemed to have gone crazy. One woman I saw had carried her sewing machine from San Francisco and packed it in the waiting-room. Another woman, talking to herself, was holding a bonnet in one hand and waving a baby's rattle with the other. A third woman I noticed, clad only in a skirt and her nightgown, clung pitifully to a barrel's edge.

Everybody in the Palace, the St. Francis, and the other large hotels got out safely. Once outside they were not permitted by the military to return to their rooms. After the first panic had subsided, I saw women and men begging the soldiers to allow them to go back to their hotels for money and jewels, but the soldiers were obdurate. They seemed to know the greater calamity of fire that was coming, and were right to permit no one to take the risk. I have been through the Baltimore and the St. Louis cyclones; they were not to be compared with this frightful catastrophe. I do not believe anything approaching it has been known previously in this country.

Another witness reports:

I started to walk down Mission street, and went as far as the Post Office, at the corner of Seventh and Mission streets. As I walked I saw a woman in the street, clad only in her nightclothes, and calling for her little ones amid her woes. Men were rushing through half-ruined buildings, throwing clothing to the women in the streets from the upper windows. It was a terrible sight.

Finally I reached the General Post Office, which was only recently completed by the Government at a cost of two millions of dollars. In going through the building I saw all the beautiful marble work on the staircase broken into thousands of pieces. The building had sunk so that I could not get through the doors in the interior. The post-office was all down in the mailing room, and the custodian of the building was injured about the head by falling debris.

The office was abandoned. I went from the Post Office down Mission-street to Sixth and Howard streets.

"One great house had collapsed, and was a mass of flame. The bystanders told me that 250 people were in the ruins, and that there was no chance of saving them. Going down Market-street I saw that conveyances in the street were loaded with dead and injured. They were taking them to emergency morgues, and hospitals."

One of the saddest features of the disaster is the fact that thousands of working and middle-class people lost their houses in San Francisco. As in Philadelphia and other American cities thousands own their houses and grounds, mostly purchased through building associations. The loss of homes and furniture is therefore, severely felt by the enormous body of people of humble means. Twenty thousand men, women, and children, stamping under heavy loads of luggage, tramped seven or eight miles from the hills to the ferries in the hope of reaching Oakland and other points. They endured terrible hardships.

While the fire was raging a herd of 300 cattle stampeded in the streets, and at least a dozen people were trampled to death. One man was gored through and through by a madened bull.

A huge menagerie was broken open, and some of the terrified beasts perished in the flames. Others sought safety in flight, racing terribly, and were shot by the soldiers in the vicinity.

The Daily Mail telegram says:—The insurance companies have decided, if possible, to pay all claims dollar for dollar without delay, whether arising from fire or earthquake.

It is believed that a total of £20,000,000 will be paid into the pockets of San Francisco policy-holders, which should enable them to erect new buildings.

The North British and Mercantile Company has instructed its New York representatives to pay losses as soon as claims can be adjusted, and to contribute £1,000 for the relief of the sufferers. The Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, it is understood, will also pay all losses immediately.

The Firemen's Fund and the Home and Marine Companies will, it is said, with the California fire offices, be the principal American sufferers.

The *Daily Mail* of April 24th says:—Resolutions were introduced in Congress yesterday declaring the necessity for a year's suspension of the import duties on structural steel intended for the re-building of San Francisco. An enormous demand is certain, the steel structures having proved their superiority in withstanding the shock and the fire. The new San Francisco will be practically a steel city.

The present American output is barely sufficient for normal demands, and American mills will be unable to supply the requirements of San Francisco, but it is doubtful whether Congress will make the concession. Relief supplies, however, will probably be imported free of duty.

The fire broke out with renewed vigour early April 23 in the end bunks north of the Ferry Building. A telegram of that date says:—It is burning fiercely, and there is grave danger that it will eat its way across to the docks north of the Ferry Building and reach the great ferry structure. The total number of bodies recovered up to last night was 5,000. It is impossible at present to obtain an accurate estimate of the casualties. Whenever a body is found it is immediately buried without formality, and these burials are being carried out in widely separated districts by different corps of searchers, who do not even make a prompt report to headquarters. This has resulted in considerable confusion in making up the estimates.

In the refugee camps yesterday rude altars were erected, upon which religious ceremonies were carried out. The danger of starvation is completely obviated. The health of the refugees in camp continues remarkably good.

The bedevilled eighty-six patients and eleven attendants have been re-cured from the ruins of the Arrow Lunatic Asylum.

There were eighteen births in Golden Gate Park on Sunday. Numerous weddings have also resulted from the disaster. Women driven from their homes and destitute, appealed to their sweethearts, and marriages immediately resulted.

A gentleman took them to his house, but he found that all the available ladies' wearing apparel had been given away. She continued to wear the trousers, with a pair of men's boots, and an old dressing-gown.

finally drove them off, however, and the man shouted, "For God sake, shoot me."

A member of the rescuing party drew his revolver, took careful aim, and shot him dead.

Caruso, who is returning to New York with the other members of the Court Opera Company, as soon as they can be assembled, describes his experiences in this manner:—

"I was sleeping in the Palace Hotel when the terrible rocking of the building threw me out of bed. Flinging open the window, I think I let out the highest notes of my life.

"At this did no good, I rushed into the street in my pyjamas. After a time I wandered into Lafayette-square and slept awhile on the grass outside.

"There were many people and carriages passing, and it was dangerous, so I tried to go inside the enclosure, but soldiers prodded me with their bayonets, declaring, despite my pleadings, that I looked strong enough to go on.

"Suddenly a soldier said, 'What's that you've got?' and there under my arm unconsciously I carried an autographed photograph of President Roosevelt, three feet square.

"Whispered the soldier said, 'Any friend of Teddy's goes inside,' so I had a good glass till daylight, when friends took me in. My loss is about £500."

Mme. Sourbré said: "My piano suddenly shot across the room and plaster fell all over me. I rushed out into the street in my night-dress. A gentleman put his overcoat on me."

"Everybody was calm, so I went back to my room and dressed. Herr Dippe helped me to get some things on, and we went into the square, where we met Mme. Emma Faunes and sat on the sand bank of the water reservoir until daylight.

"Dr. Tavis took my trunk to his house, but they were burned a few hours later."

Mme. Louise Horner escaped in her night-dress, and later wore trousers, whereof her husband, excitedly leaving the hotel, carried two pairs over his arm.

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FRENCH INDO-CHINA COAL.

The most important coal mines in Indo-China are those at Hongkong, owned by the Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin, which employs about 3000 workmen, Chinese and Annamites. The total output in 1903 amounted to 267,333 tons, compared with 316,618 tons in 1902. The financial position of the Society is very flourishing. During 1904 the coal extracted was 230,850 tons, of which 106,289 tons were manufactured into briquettes, some of which were shipped to Hongkong. Another mine, the Kebo, is worked by the Chinese and Annamite contractors. The output of the Kebo mine in 1903 amounted to 5,786 tons and 1,403 tons during the first quarter of 1904. The Schoenfeld mine has been worked by contract since October, 1902, by the "Horizon Saran." The approximate output in 1903 was 5,000 tons. A small railway, 3½ kilometers long, was constructed from the mine to the quay, from which the coal is conveyed to Haiphong. Besides these, there are the Saladiu mine, not working in 1903, and the Tananhuan (bigane), which is situated about 3 kilometers from the terminus of the Dong-give, a little beyond Ninhbinh on the Hanoi-Vinh Railway, to which it is connected by a recently constructed branch line.

RUSSIAN EMBASSY MYSTERY.

Much anxiety was caused at the Russian Embassy on April 19th by the disappearance of a special messenger attached to the Imperial Embassy in Paris and sent to London with despatches. The mystery was solved by the discovery of the missing man in a cell in Wandsworth Prison.

The story of his presence there is a brief and singular one. M. G. A. d'Albrant, who is a Frenchman, was sent from the Russian Embassy in Paris with a despatch to the Embassy in London, in which command he was to have been succeeded by Major-General H. C. O. Plumer, C.B., who recently vacated his appointment on the Army Council. It is only a few days since the deceased general officer was prominently before the public as president of the court of inquiry which sat upon the officers implicated in the recent unpleasantness in the Scots Guards.

The general was an Anglo-Indian by birth. Born in Calcutta in 1845, he was the second son of Mr. T. C. Morton, a barrister-at-law. Educated at Eton and graduating from Sandhurst, he joined the 6th Foot (now the Royal Warwickshire Regiment) in January, 1863. Four years later he was promoted lieutenant, and after holding the adjutancy of his battalion embarked on his long career of Staff employment, first as A.D.C., and subsequently as private secretary to the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, 1871-77, in which latter year he was promoted to the rank of captain. In the following year Morton first saw active service. He accompanied his battalion on the Hazara expedition and the subsequent Black Mountain campaign, and received the medal and clasp. With the influence of his late employer, in the Punjab Government, he became a major in the Afghan war of 1878-80. Recently General Morton, who stood 5'9 on the list of lieutenants, commanded the 7th Infantry Division in Ireland, in which command he was to have been succeeded by Major-General H. C. O. Plumer, C.B., who recently vacated his appointment on the Army Council. It is only a few days since the deceased general officer was prominently before the public as president of the court of inquiry which sat upon the officers implicated in the recent unpleasantness in the Scots Guards.

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THE SALE advertised for SATURDAY, the 26th May, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 6, GHANVILLE ROAD, Kowloon, has been WITHDRAWN owing to the Furniture having been disposed of by Private Sale.

F. KIENE,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1906. [1143]

INTIMATIONS.

THE DAIRY FARM CO. LIMITED.

THE Price of Best Quality AUSTRALIAN BUTTER is REDUCED to 65 Cents per lb. from To-DAY.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1906. [1131]

THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTEEN ANNUAL ORDINARY MEETING of the Company will be held at the CITY HALL, on WEDNESDAY, the 30th May, at 12.15 P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 30th April, 1906.

The REGULAR SHARES will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 23rd May, to WEDNESDAY, the 30th May, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1906. [1133]

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TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

V. I. REMEDIOS,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1906. [1139]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 26th May, 1906, at 2.30 p.m., at his SALES ROOM, Queen's Road East.

SUNDAY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, DRAWING ROOM SUITES, LEATHER COVERED CHAIRS, TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE; PIANO, COOKING RANGE, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

F. KIENE,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1906. [1140]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell for Account of the Concerned at their Residence No. 15 Morrison Hill Gap Road.

ON TUESDAY,

the 29th May, 1906, at 2.30 p.m., VAILABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE comprising: BEDSTEAD, SOFA, CHAIRE, TABLES, PICTURES, DRESSING TABLE, COPY-ING PRESS and Miscellaneous Articles.

TERMS:—As usual.

On View from Monday, 28th May.

F. KIENE,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 25th May, 1906. [1140]

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NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 25th May, 1906. [1141]

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Captain Brouwers, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from Godown.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge and/or cargo left on board after the 26th May, will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

The steamer will be despatched for Shanghai, Moji, Kolo and Yokohama on the 29th May.

HEAD AGENCY OF THE

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE,

York Buildings, 1st floor,

Hongkong, 23rd May, 1906. [1142]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"PREUSSEN."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed at their risk, into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th May will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Wednesday, the 30th May, at 9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 5th June, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1906. [1145]

AUCTION

PUBLIC AUCTION.

By Order of the Executors of the Mortgagor.

MR. GEORGE F. LAMMERT has received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

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Manager.Queen's Road, Central,
Hongkong, 29th September, 1905. 912THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.AUTORISED CAPITAL ... £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED ... 1,125,000
PAID UP ... 662,500
RESERVE FUND ... 135,000BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.INTEREST allowed on Current Account
at the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily Balance
On FIXED DEPOSITS:-For 12 months ... 4 "%
6 " " 3 "%
3 " " 2 "%E. ORMISTON,
Manager.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1906. 928

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID UP ... £2,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE
HOLDERS ... £2,000,000
RESERVE FUND ... £275,000INTEREST allowed on Current Account at
the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4% per cent.
" 6 " 3 "%
" 3 " 2 "%T. P. COCHRANE,
Manager.

Hongkong, 16th May, 1906. 114

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK
ING CORPORATIONPAID UP CAPITAL ... £10,000,000
RESERVE FUND ... £10,000,000
STELLING RESERVE ... £10,000,000
SILVER RESERVE ... £5,000,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ... £10,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS:

A. HAUPT, Esq.—Chairman.

Hon. Mr. C. W. DICKSON—Deputy Chairman.

E. Goetz, Esq.

C. R. Lowndes, Esq.

G. H. Medhurst, Esq.

D. M. Nisbett, Esq.

A. J. Raymond, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER

Hongkong—J. R. M. SMITH

MANAGER:

Shanghai—H. E. Hunter.

LONDON BANKERS—LONDON AND COUNTY
BANKING COMPANY, LIMITED.HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED
On Current Account at the rate of Two per
Cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 months, 2 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 3 1/2 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 4 per cent. per annum.J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1906. 23

BANKS

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Returns may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% per annum.

Depositors may transfer at their option balances \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK to be placed or FIXED DEPOSITS at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1902. 24

DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID UP ... Sh. Taels 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS, BERLIN.

BRANCHES:

Berlin, Calcutta, Hankow, Peking,
Tientsin, Tsinanfu, Tsingtau, Yokohama.

Founded by the Banks and

KOENIGLICHE SEEHANDLUNG (PREUSSISCHE
STAATSBANK) Berlin.DIRECTION DER DISCONTO-
GESELLSCHAFT

DEUTSCHE BANK

S. BUXHEIM-BERDE

BERLINER HANDELS-
GESELLSCHAFTBANK FUER HANDEL UND
INDUSTRIE

ROBERT WALDSCHAUER & CO.

M. A. VON ROTHSCHILD &
SOHNEN

FRANKFURT A. M.

JACOB S. H. STERN

NOHDEDEGHE BANK IN HAMBURG, HAMBURG.

SAL. OPPENHEIM, JR. & CO., KOELN.

BAUTRSCHKE HYPOTHEKEN-UND WECHSEL-
BANK, MUNICH.

LONDON BANKERS:

M. A. VON ROTHSCHILD & SON

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S
BANK, LIMITED.

DEUTSCHE BANK (BERLIN), LONDON AGENCE

DIRECTION DER DISCONTO GESELLSCHAFT.

INTEREST allowed on Current Account

DEPOSITS received on terms which may be learned on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

HUGO SUTER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1906. 27

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK
LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... Yen 24,000,000

CAPITAL PAID UP ... 21,000,000

CAPITAL UNCALLED ... 3,000,000

RESERVE FUND ... 1,000,000

SPECIAL RESERVE FUND ... 1,000,000

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Tel. 93 Kobe Nagasaki

Osaka Lyons New York

London Honolulu Bombay

San Francisco Tientsin Newchwang

Shanghai Peking Mukden

Dahliu Chitoo Tieling

Port Arthur

LONDON BANKERS:

THE LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

PARK'S BANK, LIMITED.

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S
BANK, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent.
per annum on the daily balance.

On fixed deposits for 12 months 5% per annum

" " " 6 " 4 "%

" " " 3 " 3 "%

TAKEO TAKAMICHI,
Manager.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1906. [613]

THE BANK OF TAIWAN LIMITED

(INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL
CHARTER)

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED ... Yen 5,000,000

CAPITAL PAID UP ... 2,500,000

HEAD OFFICE: TAPEE, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Amyo Kobe Tainan

Aiping Nagasaki Tamsui

Fochow Osaka Tokio

Keelung Shanghai Yokohama

HONGKONG OFFICE:
3, Des Vieux Road,

Interest allowed on Current Account.

Deposits received on terms which may be learned

on application.

S. SHIGENAGA, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st November 1904. [613]

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL
MAATSCHAPPIJ

(NETHERLANDS TRADING COMPANY).

ESTABLISHED 1824.

HEAD OFFICE IN AMSTERDAM.

HEAD AGENCY: HATAYA.

Branches:—Singapore, Penang, Shanghai,

Rangoon, Samruddi, Chittagong, Telegu,

Tengku, Paslongtan, Paoercoan, Tjilatap,

Kota Padang, Melaka (Deli), Palembang, Kota

Padja (Acheen), Teluk-Semawae (Acheen)

Hajernasim.

Correspondents at Macassar, Bonbau,

Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta,

Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy,

Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney—New

York, San Francisco, &c. &c.

LONDON BANKERS—

THE UNION OF LONDON AND SMITH'S BANK,
LIMITED.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for

collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of

credit on its Branches and Correspondents in

the East, on the Continent, and in Great

Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts

Banking Business of every description.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Accounts 2% per annum on daily

balance.

Fixed Deposits 12 months 4 1/2% per annum.

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L. ENGEL, Agent.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1906. [526]

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.
TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

EUROPEAN SERVICE

OUTWARDS.

| FROM | STEAMERS | DUE |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.. | "AJAX" | On 1st May. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.. | "MEMNON" | On 7th June. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.. | "STENTOR" | On 7th June. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.. | "PROMETHEUS" | On 14th June. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.. | "PATROCLUS" | On 14th June. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.. | "PINGSUEY" | On 21st June. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.. | "ORESTES" | On 28th June. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.. | "OANFA" | On 5th July. |
| GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL.. | "ASTYANAX" | On 5th July. |

HOMEWARDS.

| FROM | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| AMSTERDAM, LONDON and ANTWERP | "JASON" | On 5th June. |
| LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP | "DEUCALION" | On 19th June. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL | "HYSON" | On 20th June. |
| LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP | "AJAX" | On 3rd July. |
| LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP | "PROMETHEUS" | On 17th July. |
| GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL | "PATROCLUS" | On 20th July. |
| LONDON, AMSTERDAM and ANTWERP | "PINGSUEY" | On 31st July. |

Taking cargo for Liverpool at London rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

Operating in conjunction with

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.
AND TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING TO ALL OVERLAND
COMMON POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND CANADA.

EASTWARD.

| FROM | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, & all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKO- | "STENTOR" | On 10th June. |
| HAMA | "OANFA" | On 7th July. |
| TACOMA, SEATTLE, VICTORIA and PACIFIC COAST | "KEEMUN" | On 14th June. |
| | "TEUER" | On 13th July. |

For Freight, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 24th May, 1906.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.

| FOR | STEAMERS | TO SAIL |
|--|-------------|--------------|
| TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO, and TIENHSIN | "KWEICHOW" | On 25th May. |
| SHANGHAI | "SHAOSHENG" | On 25th May. |
| CEBU and ILOILO | "KAIFONG" | On 25th May. |
| NINGPO and SHANGHAI | "YOCHOW" | On 29th May. |
| MANILA | "TAMING" | On 29th May. |
| MANILA, ZAMBOANGA, PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, & TSINAN | | On 30th May. |
| TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and NELSON BAYNE | | |

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Tables. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

+ Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

+ Taking cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

AGENTS.

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Hongkong, 20th May, 1906.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON S. S. CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR
VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA
VIA
MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

| Steamer. | Tons. | Captain. | Sailing Date. |
|---------------|-------|----------------------|-----------------|
| TREMONT | 9,606 | T. W. Garlick | On 26th May. |
| LYRA | 4,417 | G. V. Williams | On 3rd July. |
| SHAWMUT | 9,606 | E. V. Roberts | On 27th July. |
| TREMONT | 9,606 | T. W. Garlick | On 22nd August. |

Cargo only.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND
CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTORS AND STEWARDESSES.

The twin-screw s.s. "SHAWMUT" and "TREMONT" are fitted with very Superior Accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures safe lines at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

For further information apply to—

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

GENERAL AGENTS.

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QUEEN'S BUILDINGS,

Hongkong, 25th April, 1906.

OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICES BETWEEN
HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS
AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

| FOR | LEAVING | STEAMERS |
|--|----------------------|----------------------------|
| TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY | SUNDAY, 27th May. | "DAIGI MARU" S. TAGAMI |
| TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY | SUNDAY, 3rd June. | "DAIJIN MARU" SATO |
| ANPING VIA SWATOW AND AMOY | WEDNESDAY, 30th May. | "MAIDZURU MARU" MERLIN |
| + SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW | THURSDAY, 31st May. | "SHOSHU MARU" T. KEMOTO |

* These Steamers have excellent accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with electric light. Unrivalled tables.

+ Taking cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

For Freight, Passage, and further information, apply at the Company's local Branch Office

Second Floor, No. 1, Queen's Building.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1906.

T. AEIMA, Manager.

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL
LINES.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
EUROPEAN LINE.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG,
STEAMERS WILL ALSO CALL AT GIBRALTAR & SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
STEAMERS

SAILING DATES:
1906

| BOON | WEDNESDAY | 6th June |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------------|
| FREUSSEN | WEDNESDAY | 20th June |
| ZIERSEN | WEDNESDAY | 4th July |
| GNEISENAU | WEDNESDAY | 18th July |
| HAYERN | WEDNESDAY | 1st August |
| PRINZ REGENT LUFTPOLD | WEDNESDAY | 15th August |
| PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH | WEDNESDAY | 29th August |
| SAC-SEN | | 12th September |

ON WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of JUNE, 1906, at NOON, the Steamer "ROON," Captain Meiners with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPICE and CARGO, will leave this port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON, on MONDAY, the 4th JUNE, and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON, on TUESDAY, the 5th JUNE.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipt will be signed for less than \$2.50, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.

Linen can be washed on board.

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland THE SAME RATES TO BE APPLIED AS VIA NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ

VIA NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR

return 97.00 66.00 36.00

VIA BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON

return 115.00 79.00 47.00

return 68.00 49.00 27.00

TO SOUTHAMPTON, LONDON, BREMEN
AND HAMBURG

return 65.00 44.00 24.00

return 97.00 66.00 36.00

IN THE EVENT OF THE VOYAGE IN EGYPT:

Passengers to European and New-York are entitled to travel by the N. D. L. Mediterranean Steamers from ALEXANDRIA to Naples or Marseilles instead of using an Imperial Mail Steamer from PORT SAID.

In the event of the passenger leaving the Mail Steamer at Naples, Genoa or Gibraltar and travelling to Bremen or Southampton overland THE SAME RATES TO BE APPLIED AS VIA NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR, but in this case the cost of the railway trip, etc., to be at passenger's expense.

TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ

VIA NAPLES, GENOA OR GIBRALTAR

return 97.00 79.00 47.00

VIA BREMEN OR SOUTHAMPTON

return 123.00 89.00 49.00

IN THE EVENT OF THE VOYAGE IN CHINA:

Passengers have the option of using a Steamer of the British India S. N. Co. from SINGAPORE to CALCUTTA instead of an Imperial Mail steamer from Singapore to Colombo. The cost of the journey from Calcutta to Colombo by rail or steamer is, however, not included.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

The Oceanus, with the French mail of the 27th April, left Singapore on Monday, the 21st inst., at 2 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 29th inst. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 24th March.

On Friday, the 4th proximo, being a Public Holiday, the Post Office will be opened from 8 till 9 a.m. only.

There will be one delivery and a collection of letters on Sundays.

All outgoing Mail will be closed at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:

| FOR | PER | DATE |
|--|-----|------|
| Swatow | | |
| Tsingtao, Weihaiwei, Chefoo and Tientsin | | |
| Bangkok | | |
| SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO | | |
| (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail Extra Postage 10 cents.) | | |

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| Macao | | |
| Shantung | | |
| Manila | | |
| Anam, Manili, Cobu and Iloilo | | |
| Amoy | | |
| Mac. Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. and Tacoma | | |
| Macao | | |
| Shantung | | |
| Manila | | |
| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta | | |
| Shanghai, Moji, Keiko and Yokohama | | |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow | | |
| Shanghai | | |
| Ningpo and Hangchow | | |
| Manila, Simpanghatan, Friedrich, Wilhelmsburg, Herreninsel, Maupi, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne | | |

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| EUROPE, &c., India via Tuticorin | | |
| (Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.) | | |
| (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.) | | |

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| Singapore, Penang and Calcutta | | |
| Manila | | |
| Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle, Wash. | | |
| Singapore, Penang and Colombo | | |

TO-DAY.

Sale, Rare Old Peking Curios, Sales Rooms, Mr. F. Kien, 2:30 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Sale, Household Furniture, &c., Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2:30 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| ON LONDON.— | May 23rd. | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 211 | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 214 | |
| Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight | 211 | |
| Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight | 211 | |
| Credits, at 4 months' sight | 211 | |
| Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight | 211 | |
| ON PARIS.— | | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 288 | |
| Credits, at 4 months' sight | 372 | |
| ON GREECE.— | 218 | |
| On demand | | |
| ON NEW YORK.— | | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 514 | |
| Credits, 60 days' sight | 524 | |
| ON BOMBAY.— | | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 1584 | |
| Bank, on demand | 159 | |
| ON CALCUTTA.— | | |
| Telegraphic Transfer | 1581 | |
| Bank, on demand | 159 | |
| ON SHANGHAI.— | | |
| Bank, at sight | 712 | |
| Private, 20 days' sight | 724 | |
| ON YOKOHAMA.— | On demand | 104 |
| ON MANILA.— | On demand | 1014 |
| ON SINGAPORE.— | On demand | 1014 p.m. |
| ON BATAVIA.— | On demand | 128 |
| ON HAIPHONG.— | On demand | 3 p.m. |
| ON SAIGON.— | On demand | 23 p.m. |
| ON BANGKOK.— | On demand | 61 |
| SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate | 9.40 | |
| GOLD 1,000, fine, per tael | 14.60 | |
| BAR SILVER, per oz. | 31.1 | |

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| OPIUM. | May 23rd. |
| Quotations are:— Allowances not to 1 catty. | |
| Malwa New ... 1830 to — | per picul. |
| Malwa Old ... 1880 to — | " |
| Malwa Old ... 1830 to — | " |
| Malwa V. Old ... 1880 to — | " |
| Persian fineness 1850 to — | " |
| Persian extra fine 1800 to — | " |
| Fatma New ... 1855 to — | per chest. |
| Fatma Old ... 1820 to — | " |
| Banosa New ... 1875 to — | " |
| Banosa Old ... 1875 to — | " |

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. str. Mongolia sailed from Shanghai on the 24th inst., and is due at this port on the 26th inst., about 8 a.m.

The P.M. str. China sailed from Yokohama on the 23rd inst., and is due here on the 3rd June.

The T.K.K. str. Nippon Maru sailed from San Francisco on the 10th inst.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M.M. str. Ouragan left Singapore on the 21st inst., at 2 p.m., for this port via Saigon.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The G.P.R. str. Empress of India left Vancouver on Monday, the 21st inst., p.m., for Hong Kong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. str. Aish, from London, &c., left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 25th inst.

The L.G.M. str. Welford left Kobe on Monday, the 21st inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 27th inst., at 6 a.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Colombo Maru (Bombay Line) left Bombay via Singapore for this port on the 9th inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 27th inst.

The Glen Line str. Glenash, from London and ports, left Singapore on Monday, the 21st inst., p.m.

The N.Y.K. str. Colombo Maru (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 21st inst., and is expected to be here on the 27th inst.

The P. & O. str. Palma left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., at 8 a.m.

The C.N. str. Triton, from Japan ports, leaves Kobo on the 21st inst., and is due here on the 28th inst.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, May 23rd.

COMPANY. PAID UP QUOTATIONS.

Alambra \$200 \$100.

Banks— \$125 \$140, sellers London, £30.

National B. of China A. Shares \$25 \$34.

Bell's Asbestos E. A. 125. Id. \$74, buyers.

China-Borneo Co. \$12 \$61, buyers.

China Light & P. Co. \$10 \$10, sales & sellers.

Cotton Mills— Ewo. \$10 Tia. 72.

Hongkong \$10 \$16, sellers.

International \$75 Tia. 70.

Lau Lung Mow \$10 Tia. 72.

Syceo ... \$10 \$25.

Dairy Farm ... \$8 \$16.

Docks and Harbors H. & K. Wharf & Co. \$50 \$163, sellers.

H. & W. Dock ... \$50 \$161, sellers.

New Amoy Dock \$82 \$17, buyers.

Shanghai Dock and Eng. Co. Ltd. \$100 Tia. 115.

Shai & H. Wharf ... \$100 Tia. 227.

Penwick & Co. Goo. \$25 \$22, sellers.

G. Island Cement \$10 \$20.

Hongkong & G. Gas. \$10 \$175, buyers.

Hongkong Electric \$10 \$130, sellers, x. d.

H. H. L. Tramways \$100 \$135.

Hongkong Hotel \$50 \$130, sales.

Hongkong Ice Co. \$25 \$140, sales.

Hongkong Rope Co. \$10 \$20, sellers.

H'kong S. Waterfront \$10 \$14.

Insurance— Nom. \$60.

China Fire ... \$20 \$16, sellers.

China Trader ... \$23 Nominal.

Hongkong Fire ... \$50 \$100, sellers.

North China ... \$25 Tia. 87.

Union ... \$100 \$800, sales & buys.

Yangtze ... \$60 \$175.

Land and Building— Hongkong Land Inv. \$100 \$119.

Humphrey's Estate \$10 \$114, buyers.

Kew Leon Land & B. \$30.

Shanghai Land ... \$50 Tia. 110.

West Point Building \$50 \$60.

Mining— Charbonnages Fca. 250 \$400.

Raubs ... 18/10 \$24, buyers.

Philippine Co. 10 \$5.

Refineries— China Sugar ... \$100 \$170, sellers.

Luzon Sugar ... \$100 \$25.

Steamship Companies— China Manilla ... \$25 \$22.

Douglas Steamship ... \$50 \$40, sellers & buy.

H. Canton & M. ... \$15 \$26, sellers.

Indo-China S.N. Co. \$10 \$60, sellers.

Shell Transport Co. \$21 \$27, sellers.

Star Ferry ... \$10 \$32, buyers.

Do. New ... \$5 \$22, buyers.

Shanghai & H. Dying ... \$50 \$50.

South China M. Post ... \$25 \$20, sellers.

Steam Laundry Co. \$5 \$5.

Stores & Dispensaries— Campbell & M. Co. \$10 \$32.

Fowler & Co. Wm. ... \$10 \$10, sellers.

Watkins ... \$10 \$5, sellers.

Watson & Co. S. ... \$10 \$104, buyers.